



## Southwest Area Incident Management Team

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### Firefighters Meet the Challenge of Steep Terrain and Tough Country

#### Firefighters Make Progress on Romero Fire

Working in steep hazardous terrain, firefighters secured the perimeter around most of the Romero Fire by early Tuesday night. The fire, accurately mapped at 764 acres, did not increase in size during the day. "We made use of the good weather conditions and the firefighters did an exceptional job of working in some of the toughest country we've seen," said Operations Section Chief Pruett Small.

Today, crews will continue to secure the line and check for heat sources inside the perimeter. "This is tough work in this kind of terrain, but necessary to make sure a hot, dry wind does not rekindle the fire," stated Deputy Incident Commander Jerome MacDonald.

Helicopters will provide support during the day by flying firefighters to the higher elevations of the fire's perimeter and patrolling an inaccessible area where the fire burned into steep cliffs. All air tankers have been released from the fire, though they remain available if needed.

The Coronado National Forest is asking that people refrain from entering Marshall Gulch, Sabino Basin, the Sutherland Trail, Hutch's Pool, The Romero Trail, and other areas near the fire.

**For more information: Coronado National Forest Fire Information, 520-388-8343**

#### **TODAY'S FIRE FACTS**

Acreage: **764** Containment: **85%** Total Personnel: **429**

Resources: **9 Type 1 Hotshot Crews, 6 Type 2 Regular Crews, 3 Helicopters**

Know before you go! For more information on regional fire restrictions, please call the toll free Fire Restriction Hot Line 1-877-864-6985, or check this website: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>

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